



Verso Paper Corp. Quinnesec Mill



“Committed to operating our business in a sustainable manner that creates value for our customers, employees, communities, investors and other stakeholders.”

Verso Paper Corp.'s mill in Quinnesec, Michigan represents a \$1.5 billion state-of-the-art investment in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Quinnesec Mill is a world class facility, manufacturing hardwood kraft pulp since 1985 and producing high-quality coated paper used in magazines, catalogs, retail inserts and direct mail since 1990.

At Verso, our commitment to sustainability means going beyond business-as-usual thinking to improve performance in everything we do. Our familiar **Turn to Us™** tagline is more than just a marketing slogan. It's a reflection of our pledge to find innovative ways to help our customers meet both their emerging business needs and their sustainability objectives. We explore opportunities across the entire paper lifecycle, looking for solutions that create both economic and environmental value. Whether we're developing new products or enhancing existing ones, our ultimate goal is to deliver the high level of quality our customers expect while leaving the smallest footprint behind.

Good forest stewardship is something our customers expect of Verso and something we demand of ourselves. We manufacture our products with one of the earth's few truly renewable resources – wood fiber from trees. We verify the source of the wood fiber we procure, and use only fiber from forests that are sustainably managed to remain healthy, productive and biologically diverse for generations to come. We support third-party forest certification to credible certification standards and are committed to continuously increasing the amount of third-party certified fiber in our products.

With a focus on efficient resource use and pollution prevention, we use continuous performance improvement to gauge our environmental progress. Recently, efforts at the Quinnesec Mill have resulted in efficiency improvements, material and energy use reductions, and significant reductions in waste to the on-site landfill.

- Invested \$45 million in a renewable energy project for generation of 28 MW of electricity from carbon-neutral biomass. The project included a boiler upgrade, a biomass delivery system and a new turbine generator.
- Installed energy efficient pumps and variable frequency drives on pumps to reduce electricity uses.
- Replaced diffusers at the on-site wastewater treatment plant for energy use reduction.
- Enhanced pulp washers for reduced chemical use.
- Recovered 97% of the nutrient-rich biosolids produced from the wastewater treatment plant and provided them to local farmers at no charge for use as non-food agricultural soil enhancement.

Verso's Quinnesec Mill is also connected to our community through various environmental and educational outreach programs.

- Providing mill tours for the Environmental and upper level science students in collaboration with Kingsford and Iron Mountain High Schools,
- Paper School is held for customers and other stakeholders annually, with an itinerary including Environmental and Sustainability programs and a tour of the mill's demonstration forest.
- Active member of the Dickinson County LEPC.
- Leading donor to the annual Dickinson Area United Way campaign as well as supporting numerous non-profit community projects.”

Vital Statistics

Clean Corporate Citizen since April 13, 2009

Michigan VPP Star site since 2001.

One of only 3 organizations in Michigan to hold both C3 and MVPP designations.

The Quinnesec Mill produces Bleached Hardwood Kraft Pulp and Coated Papers for magazines, catalogs and commercial printing applications.

